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Title: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Applicant taught European History at Alabama State College for two summers in the 1940's. Appointee highly recommended by friends and associates as loyal, trusted American. Credit and arrest records, Montgomery, Ala., negative.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Montgomery, Alabama on January 17, 1962:

[REDACTED] Alabama State College, advised that appointee taught European History at Alabama State College for two summers in the 1940's. [REDACTED] advised appointee was very well liked by students. [REDACTED] stated that appointee lived next door to [REDACTED] on the campus and that appointee conducted himself in an outstanding manner at all times. [REDACTED] advised he knows of no derogatory information about appointee. [REDACTED] stated that appointee is a loyal American.

[REDACTED] Alabama State College, advised that appointee is an outstanding Negro historian. [REDACTED] advised that he had worked with appointee while appointee was teaching at Alabama State.

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[redacted] stated that appointee was reasonable and well liked by all his fellow Professors. [redacted] stated that appointee was a loyal American and there was no possibility about appointee being subversive to the interest of the United States. [redacted] described appointee as a brilliant man who is highly regarded intellectually in history circles.

[redacted] Dr. H.C. TRENHOLM, President of Alabama State College, advised that Dr. TRENHOLM was not available for interview. [redacted] stated that TRENHOLM had discussed appointee with [redacted] and that TRENHOLM stated he would endorse everything [redacted] said about appointee.

[redacted] stated that a check of her records does not disclose the exact dates of employment of appointee. [redacted] stated that as best she recollects, the appointee taught at Alabama State for two or three summers in the early or middle 1940's.

[redacted] Alabama State College, advised that her records do not go back any further than 1947. She advised that some of her records are incomplete and she would only carry regular teachers that far back. [redacted] stated she could not definitely determine from her records when appointee taught at Alabama State. [redacted] advised that as best she recalls, appointee taught at Alabama during the early 1940's for two or three summers.

CREDIT AND ARRESTS:

[redacted] General American Credit Company, advised that she was unable to locate a record identifiable with appointee.

[redacted] Identification Officer, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and [redacted] Records Bureau, Montgomery Police Department, both advised that they were unable to locate a record identifiable with appointee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The files of BSS, NYCPD, make reference to the newspaper article appearing in "The New York Times", 3/20/61, and also to the discovery of the appointee's name in the address book of [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as both of these items are being reported by the NYO and WFO, respectively, they were not repeated. These records further reflected that he was Master of Ceremonies at a fund raising dinner of the Jamaica Branch of the NAACP, held 10/25/61. This information was not set forth in the details of the report as the NAACP was not documented.

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Memphis teletype, 1/16/62, refers to an article in the "Daily Worker" concerning HERBERT APTHEKER's "Documentary History of the Negro People in the U.S." and the appointee's praise of this book. It is noted that the "Daily Worker" article quotes a book review of the appointee from another publication along with book reviews from several other individuals. There is no indication of any association between APTHEKER and FRANKLIN.

San Francisco teletype to New York, 1/17/62, refers to information in the "National Guardian" of 2/13/61, page 6, article by LOUIS E. BURNHAM and 3/10/58 article concerning a birthday party for Dr. W. E. DU BOIS. These are not being reported inasmuch as the first article by BURNHAM merely mentions appointee's name as a young historian on Negro history and the second article concerning Dr. DU BOIS refers to the same information reported herein from "The Worker".

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Documentation of HERBERT APTHEKER

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LOUIS BUDENZ

Documentation of W. E. B. DU BOIS

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Title:

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment at Brooklyn College and residence at Brooklyn, NY since 1956 verified. Associates and neighbors regard appointee as competent historian and person of fine character, reputation, loyalty and associates. Wife well regarded. Wife's credit clear. No arrest record located. Excerpts from book reviews in "Book Review Digest" and "Daily Worker" set forth.

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Employment

Brooklyn College
Brooklyn, New York

The following investigation was conducted on
January 10, 1962, by SA [REDACTED]

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and [REDACTED]
Department of History, advised from their records that JOHN HOPE
FRANKLIN, born January 2, 1915, at Rentiesville, Oklahoma,
was appointed as a professor of History at Brooklyn College in
February, 1956, and became Chairman of the History Department
on July 1, 1956.

On February 9, 1956, he listed his relatives
as his wife, AURELIA E. WHITTINGTON FRANKLIN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His father, B.C. FRANKLIN at that
time resided at 1808 North Norfolk Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Prior to coming to Brooklyn College, the appointee had been
an instructor at Howard University, North Carolina College
at Durham, St. Augustine's College and Fisk University. He
was the author of "The Free Negro in North Carolina, 1790-1860",
"From Slavery to Freedom: A History of American Negroes" and
"The Militant South". His most recent book, "Reconstruction
After the Civil War" was published in 1961. He received honorary
degrees from Morgan State College, Virginia State College and
Lincoln University. He travelled for the Department of State
to India in 1957, had taught at the Salzburg Seminar in Austria
and also at Cambridge University, and had served for the State
Department in Nigeria in 1960. He is a member of the Board
of Directors of the American Council of Learned Societies and
the American Civil Liberties Union's Academic Freedom Committee.

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[redacted] and [redacted] stated that they know the appointee as a member of the faculty who is highly regarded by everybody as a capable and educated man and a gentleman of the highest type character, integrity and reputation, and completely loyal American citizen.

[redacted] stated that the appointee's parents and also a brother are deceased. He has two sisters, Mrs. WALDO JONES, who resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma. [redacted]
His wife's parents reside in North Carolina. [redacted]
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On January 10, 1962, Dr. HARRY D. GIDEONSE,
President, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Department of Philosophy and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Department of History, who have known the
appointee since he came to this institution, furnished
the following information:

The appointee's parents are both deceased and the appointee's father was a successful lawyer in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The appointee has travelled extensively throughout the world and has gone to India, Nigeria and Australia for the State Department. They described him as an outstanding administrative who has taken over one of the largest departments at this school in which there existed many factions, and he has done a tremendous job in running this department. In fact, this department is the best run department in the school. His ability as an educator is well above average and they have never met a man with more personal integrity or a more intriguing personality. They advised he has the ability to meet people and to get along well with them. His character is outstanding and all organizations to which he belongs that they are aware of are above reproach. They advised that he enjoys the reputation of being one of the outstanding educators in the field of history in this country. They advised he has the manner of a born gentleman and has an excellent sense of humor, and he has earned the respect and admiration of the entire faculty. With his keen mind and his ability as a public speaker, he makes a good representative of this school. They advised his

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loyalty is above reproach and they recommended him highly for a position involving trust and responsibility.

They all advised that the appointee was planning on taking a sabbatical leave for the school year September, 1962 to September, 1963, and was planning on teaching at Cambridge University in England.

[redacted] advised he knew the appointee slightly at Howard University prior to his coming to this school and he knows the appointee socially and they go salt water fishing together when time permits.

[redacted] advised that the appointee is the most representative person of American culture on the faculty of this school.

[redacted] advised the appointee is very cautious in that he is not getting mixed up with any questionable organization when selecting associations.

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Neighborhood

1885 New York Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

The following investigation was conducted on
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[REDACTED]
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long-time residents of this neighborhood, stated that the
appointee, his wife and son have resided at 1885 New York
Avenue for the past three years.

[REDACTED] advised
that she has known the FRANKLIN family [REDACTED]
since she moved to this address in August, 1960.

These individuals stated that they have known
the FRANKLIN family as neighbors and the appointee, his wife
and son enjoy a very fine reputation and are regarded as
people of excellent character, conduct and associates. Their
close friends and associates are among the faculty of
Brooklyn College. They are helpful and pleasant people, and
there has never been any reason to question the loyalty of
either the appointee or his wife.

[REDACTED] pointed out that there was considerable
prejudice and antagonism toward the FRANKLINS when they first
moved into this neighborhood, however, they have completely
won over the neighborhood because they are such fine people.

[REDACTED] pointed out that the appointee and his
family attend the same church as she attends, and he is a
highly respected member of the congregation who has been called
upon from time to time by the pastor to address the congregation.

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All of the neighbors highly recommended the appointee for a responsible government position.

515 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

On January 11, 1962, [redacted] stated that the appointee, his wife and young son resided in one of three apartments in this building for a period of approximately one and one-half years, and they left in 1958. [redacted]

[redacted] decent and respectable people and law abiding citizens. He stated that he found the appointee to be a pleasant, well educated and gentlemanly person and nothing ever occurred which would cause him to question the loyalty, character or associates of the appointee and his wife. [redacted] stated that none of the present tenants resided here at the time of the appointee's occupancy.

[redacted] who operate a retail establishment at this address, advised on January 11, 1962, that they knew the appointee, his wife and son as friends and neighbors, and he still visits them occasionally. They described the appointee as a very well educated and highly respectable individual of very high ideals, principles and moral character, and a completely loyal American citizen who never indicated any sympathetic interest in Communism or any subversive philosophy. They highly recommended him for government appointment.

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Credit

On January 11, 1962, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised IC [redacted] that her files contain no information concerning the appointee, but did have a record concerning AURELIA W. FRANKLIN, 1885 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, a teacher whose credit was clear at the time of the check in October, 1961.

Arrest

On January 11, 1962, SA [redacted] caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by Deputy Inspector [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; Lieutenant [redacted] Information Unit; Lieutenant [redacted] Old Record Room (all of the above of the New York City Police Department); and [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record identifiable with the appointee or his wife was located.

Miscellaneous

On January 11, 1962, Inspector [redacted] [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that his files contain no information concerning the appointee's wife and the only information concerning the appointee has been reported elsewhere in this investigation.

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[redacted] American Council of Learned Societies, 345 East 46th Street, New York, New York, stated that the appointee has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past six years, and has taken an active interest in the organization and contributed much on its behalf. He stated that he knows the appointee well through their contacts in connection with the council, and finds him to be a solid, intelligent and objective scholar of fine character and pleasant personality, and a man of unquestionable loyalty and professional integrity. He highly recommended him for government appointment. Interview conducted January 12, 1962.

Mr. GEORGE D. STODDARD, Chancellor and Executive Vice President, New York University, Washington Square, New York, advised SA [redacted] on January 17, 1962, that he has known Dr. FRANKLIN professionally for the past seven years. He first met the appointee when they were fellow lecturers under the Fulbright program at the University of Cambridge in 1955. For about six weeks they lived together at Peterhouse College. He stated that he regards the appointee as a splendid person, and a man of substance and personal charm and one of the foremost leaders of his race in this country and a man of outstanding character and reputation. He stated that he has never had any reason to question the appointee's loyalty or choice of associates and highly recommended him for a government position. 1754

On January 10, 1962, the following excerpts were reviewed at the New York Public Library in the "Book Review Digest":

In a review of "The Militant South 1800-1861" written by JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, published in 1956, the following comments were noted:

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J. C. FURNAS, "New York Herald Tribune"
Book Review", September 23, 1956,
"-- a sound piece of informative work".

C. V. WOODWARD, "New York Times",
September 23, 1956, "-- in many ways a
pioneer work". "His work is thorough".

The following notations were made concerning
"From Slavery to Freedom; A History of American Negroes",
published in 1947 and revised in 1957:

A. N. C., "San Francisco Chronicle",
March 24, 1957, "-- presents forthright
account of his race's achievement, --
without prejudice and with great scholarship".

E. B. ORR, "Christian Science Monitor",
September 22, 1947, "This has the mark of
an important book".

A review concerning "The Free Negro in North
Carolina, 1790 to 1860", published in 1943, contained
the following comments:

GEORGE STREATOR, "Commonweal", July 16,
1943, "-- an admirable piece of work --
-- goes deeper into -- factors than --
older scholars".

The records of the Information Bureau,
"The New York Times", West 43rd Street, New York,
New York, as reviewed on January 10, 1962, contained
no pertinent information concerning the appointee,
except a review of his book, "Reconstruction after The
Civil War" by DAVID M. POTTER on November 19, 1961.

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This review under the caption "Freedom Without Equality" praised the book and stated that "Franklin fills the yawning gap with notable balance and judicious temper".

On January 12, 1962, the March 20, 1962 issue of "The New York Times" was reviewed at the New York Public Library and on page 12 there appears a report captioned "250 Teachers Hit House Committee". "Un-American Activities Unit Should Be Abolished, Says Statement By ACLU". The report related that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) made public a statement of 250 college and university professors urging abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), claiming that the committee had "repeatedly undermined the freedoms essential for national well-being" and had been "unrelenting in its harrassment of teachers". The article listed the names of various teachers and colleges where they were instructing. Two names appeared under the caption of Brooklyn College, one of which was JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

The "Daily Worker", August 8, 1952, page 7, contains an article captioned "Negro Scholars Laud Aptheker Book, 'Documentary History'". This article relates that the book received high praise from five outstanding Negro scholars and reguoted comments of Professor JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, which appeared in the Spring, 1952 issue of "The Journal of Negro Education". He was identified as Professor of History at Howard University, Washington, D. C. The article also contained other quoted comments from reviews by other authors and educators.

The "Daily Worker", November 15, 1956, page 7, contained a book review by HERBERT APTHEKER on "The Militant South", written by JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN. This article favorably reviews the book as a study of militarism in the pre-Civil War South. The following criticism appears in the article, "— Professor Franklin tends to ignore or, at times, to deny the reality of class struggle dividing white from in the Old South".

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"The Worker", March 9, 1955, page 3, column 3, contains an article captioned "Notables Greet Dr. Du Bois as 1,000 Mark 90th Birthday". This article relates that a reception was held for Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS, historian, sociologist and novelist and that among the speakers were Dr. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, Head of the Department of History, Brooklyn College.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" is an east coast communist newspaper.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case of United States versus KUZMA, et al (Conspiracy to Violate the Smith Act) in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, that he was at that time a member of the Communist Party (CP); that he had been a member of the CP since 1939; that he had never been an officer in the CP, but that he had offered his services to the CP as a teacher; that he had taught classes under CP auspices; and that all of his writing since 1939 or 1940 had been consciously guided by what he thought was the "Light of Marxism-Leninism".

New York T-1 advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10-13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP.

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New York T-2 advised in June, 1950, that W. E. B. DU BOIS, although on friendly terms with the CP for many years, did not actually join the CP until about 1944.

During January, 1962, several confidential informants familiar with some phases of CP activities in the New York City area advised that the appointee and his wife were not known to them.



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1. Will report results of checks made regarding the appointee at CIA, State Security, and State Passport.

2. Will attempt to obtain information from original source of references re appointee in "The Daily Worker," "The Worker," "National Guardian," and the pamphlet entitled "The National Defense," by JOHN FRANKLIN, published by the American League against War and Fascism.

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JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

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Synopsis: ~~APPOINTMENT~~

Applicant's employment verified. Professional associates and neighbors recommend appointee. U.S. Senators of New York advised they were not acquainted with the appointee. Satisfactory credit rating for the appointee and his listed relatives, D. C. Credit. No record for appointee or listed relatives police agencies. Info from files of CSC and HCUA being utilized. ~~Sister's employment and residence verified.~~

~~_____~~ verified. Appointee is listed as speaker at Washington Bookshop. The name, JOHN HAYE FRANKLIN, Head of Sociology, Brooklyn College, appears in the pocket telephone directory of the Cultural Counselor of the Soviet Embassy. Confidential informants furnished no info concerning appointee.

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EMPLOYMENT

Howard University

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Dean FRANK M. SNOWDEN, JR., College of Liberal Arts, advised on January 16, 1962, that there was no employment file as such on the appointee's activities on the faculty, however, his file on the appointee revealed as follows:

By letter dated June 3, 1947, the appointee was assigned as Professor, Department of History, for the academic year starting September, 1947 through June, 1948. He was subsequently reappointed each academic year running from September to June with the following periods of leave of absence without pay:

September, 1950 to June, 1951 to accept a Guggenheim Fellowship for the fall quarter October, 1952 to December, 1952 to accept the President's Fellowship at Brown University, and for the academic year of 1952-53 as visiting Professor, University of Wisconsin.

By letter dated May 1, 1956, he submitted his resignation to accept a position as Chairman of the Department of History at Brooklyn College, resignation to be effective June 30, 1956. Dean SNOWDEN advised the appointee's record was entirely favorable and he is eligible for re-appointment at any time. Dean SNOWDEN stated that he knew the appointee during the entire period at Howard University both professionally and socially and was acquainted with his wife, AURELIA, [REDACTED]. The appointee and his family are of excellent moral character and reputation of the highest caliber of associates and he knows of nothing reflecting on any organizational memberships of the appointee and regards him as a responsible and trustworthy American citizen.

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Dean SNOWDEN stated he is not acquainted with any other relatives of the appointee but knows of a sister, name unknown, who resides in Washington, D. C. The appointee is a man of outstanding ability and reputation in the field of American History with specific attention in the field of the History of the Negro in the United States and the South.

Dean SNOWDEN stated he was acquainted with the appointee when he served as one of the American representatives at the Tenth International Congress of Historical Sciences held in Rome, Italy, September 4, 1955, to September 11, 1955.

Dean SNOWDEN concluded that his entire association with the appointee is one of the highest esteem and admiration, and he gave him the very highest recommendation for any position of trust and responsibility for which he is being considered.

[redacted] Information Services, advised on January 15, 1962, that he has known the appointee since 1947 and regards him as the epitome of everything fine in a gentleman and a scholar. He is a very brilliant historian and they have been both close, professional, and social acquaintances, visiting in each other's homes frequently. He spoke highly of the caliber of appointee's wife and [redacted] but was unacquainted with any other members of appointee's family and knew of no relatives residing in the District of Columbia. He stated the appointee is a member of the Board of the American Council of Learned Societies, and has traveled abroad frequently on lecture tours and has lectured and been visiting professor at many different United States colleges. He is one of the few men [redacted] has ever known about whom he has never heard anyone say anything unfavorable. He said he has the very highest impression

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regarding the appointee in his professional field and of his suitability from a standpoint of moral character, reputation, associates, and loyalty as an American citizen and recommended him without qualification for whatever position he is being considered. [redacted] stated he recalled the appointee resided at 2011 Monroe Street, N. E., while on the faculty at the university.

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[redacted] Department of History, advised on January 15, 1962, that he has known the appointee since the middle 1940s. He stated that they were fraternity brothers in Alpha Phi Alpha. [redacted] stated their acquaintance grew to a close professional and social one upon the appointee's joining the faculty in 1947 and serving until 1956. He said they visited each other's homes on numerous occasions and he always held the appointee, and his wife in the highest esteem. The appointee and his wife [redacted]

[redacted] The appointee also has a sister with whom he is acquainted. [redacted] whose given name he was unable to recall, who lives at [redacted] and is believed a [redacted]

[redacted] He said he also knew appointee's father on a rather limited degree on the occasion of the father's visits to Washington from Oklahoma where he was a practicing attorney. [redacted] said he was aware that the appointee had a brother who died several years ago but he did not know him nor his name but did not believe he had ever been a Washington resident. [redacted] commented he believes applicant's wife is a college graduate holding a degree in Library Science. Due to his limited acquaintance with the appointee's relatives, he was merely able to state that he had never heard anything unfavorable regarding the individual members of the family as a whole. [redacted] advised that he has the utmost confidence in the appointee as a man of integrity, unquestionable moral character, associates, and reputation and that he has never doubted his loyalty as an American citizen. He commented that he has seen the appointee frequently since leaving the faculty and that this past fall the appointee was the featured lecturer at Howard University at the Eighth Annual Sidney Hillman Lectures.

[redacted] stated he was with the appointee at the Eleventh International Congress of Historical Sciences held in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1960, and that appointee had been in Australia just prior to the Congress as a Fulbright Lecturer at

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Melbourne University during the summer session of 1960. He commented the appointee is an outstanding educator in his field, American History. He is a Scholar, Teacher and Administrator of great ability and that he could give him his very highest recommendation without any qualification for an important position of trust and responsibility in the Government. [redacted] mentioned in conclusion that the appointee has recently been named as the William Pitt Professor of American History at either Cambridge or Oxford, England, for the school year 1962-63.

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[redacted] Department of History, advised on January 16, 1962, that he has known the appointee professionally since the middle 1940s. [redacted] advised they were close professional acquaintances and fairly close socially during 1947 to 1956 as fellow faculty members and he has no reservations whatsoever as to appointee's competence in the field of American History with emphasis on the area of Negro History. [redacted] added that the appointee has always been very objective, constructive, and moderate in his manner of dealing with his field of study as well as being moderate in his political views at all times during his period of acquaintance on the faculty. He said he has not seen him except on occasion since joining the faculty at Brooklyn College, but always held the appointee and his wife in high regard as to their moral character, reputation, associates and loyalty as American citizens. He said he had met the appointee's sister on a recent occasion but did not know her well enough to comment about her and knew no other members of appointee's family. [redacted] stated the appointee was very highly thought of and highly regarded by everyone at Howard and is a very pleasant, friendly individual who meets his associates and new situations with ease and ability. He is a noted author in the field of American History and has written several books and numerous magazine articles on the subject. In conclusion, he recommended the appointee unhesitatingly for any position of trust and responsibility within his field of accomplishment, for which he is currently being considered.

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Dr. JAMES M. NABRIT, President, Howard University, advised on January 16, 1962, that he has known of the appointee in excess of 15 years and came to know him as a distinguished teacher at Howard University during his period on the faculty. Dr. NABRIT advised the appointee has

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authored at least four books and numerous articles and been invited as guest lecturer and visiting professor at many universities throughout the United States, Europe, and in Australia.

The appointee is a man of great intellectual ability with great common sense and unusually gifted in all aspects of intelligence, personality, and character. He said in June, 1961, the appointee received an Honorary LL.D. from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Dr. NABRIT stated the appointee is an eminent speaker, scholar, writer, and administrator and has a very congenial, pleasant personality. He said he has never known anything to reflect on the appointee's moral character, reputation, or associates and has never known him to be connected with any questionable individuals or organizations. He said he has the highest regard for the appointee being a trustworthy and responsible citizen and has been selected to represent the United States at meetings overseas of the International Congress of Historical Sciences and served on the National Commission for Unesco, and is also a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Dr. NABRIT further mentioned the appointee is a member of the Board of American Council of Learned Societies and was guest lecturer at the recent Eighth Annual Sidney Hillman Lectures at Howard in December, 1961.

Dr. NABRIT and his family were close social acquaintances of appointee and his wife. AURELIA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
He has seen the appointee approximately three times a year since leaving the faculty and although he met appointee's sister and knew the father, his acquaintance was too limited to render personal knowledge regarding them. He stated he knew of no other members of appointee's family and has

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never heard anything which would reflect on them in any way.

Dr. NABRIT advised the appointee is regarded as an outstanding educator in the field of American History and has ~~given~~^{SA. W. W.} special interest to the History of the South and the Negro. He is internationally recognized as an authority in this field and he stated he personally and Howard University would be most happy to have the appointee back on their staff in any important capacity. He said his recommendation could not be high enough to express his admiration of the appointee's ability and personal qualifications and recommended him most highly for a position of trust and confidence in the Government service within his field of experience.

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[redacted] Department of History, advised on January 16, 1962, that she and the appointee went to Fisk University together in the early 1930s. Over the years ~~and and considering their individual professional obligations of their careers,~~ they have been fairly close socially and professionally. She knows the appointee's wife and [redacted] and spoke highly of them as a family. She said the appointee had a brother, BUCK FRANKLIN, whom she believed played football at Fisk and died in excess of ten years ago, and a sister, [redacted]

[redacted] She said she has a limited degree of acquaintance with [redacted] and her husband whose first name she was unable at the moment to recall, and that they seem like fine respectable people. She stated she was not acquainted to any degree to the point of comment regarding appointee's parents.

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[redacted] advised they have never served on the faculty of any university together but she has followed and been aware of appointee's status as a historian and educator for many years. She knows of his prominence in his field and that he has talked as guest lecturer and visiting professor at numerous universities in the United States and overseas. His subject is principally American History, dealing with the Civil War and the reconstruction period with particular emphasis on the History of the Negro in the United States. His reputation as an authority in this field is international.

[redacted] stated she has always held the appointee in the highest regard as to his moral character, reputation, and associates, and considers his loyalty as an American citizen unquestioned. She stated he is a very able young man in the field of education and recommended him in the highest possible degree for a position of trust and responsibility in the service of his country.

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[redacted] advised on January 16, 1962, that he has known the appointee professionally during his period on the Howard faculty. He was regarded as an outstanding professor on the staff, his field being American History and served on many faculty committees most ably and contributed substantially to the academic growth and standing of the institution. He is widely known in educational circles as an American Historian, and has written several books and authored numerous articles for magazines throughout the country. He stated he has met appointee's wife only once or twice but was favorably impressed as to her ladylike characteristics and holds the appointee as above reproach from a standpoint of moral character, reputation and associates. He is a very responsible, conscientious and able individual and his loyalty has never been doubted in any way and [redacted] recommended him without qualification for whatever important position he is being considered in the Government.

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[redacted] Department of Sociology, advised on January 16, 1962, that he has known the appointee since approximately 1932 when both were undergraduates at Fisk University. Appointee was in the Class of 1935 and [redacted] and both were fraternity brothers in Alpha Phi Alpha. They are close personal and professional associates having served together at Howard during the period of appointee's service on the faculty and that [redacted] recalls the appointee taught one year following his graduation at Fisk University. [redacted] advised that the appointee's record of achievement in the field of education speaks for itself as to his ability and qualifications and that he has internationally known for his prominence in knowledge of the field of American History with specialization in Southern History. He was regarded as an outstanding member of the Howard University faculty and [redacted] regarded him as one of the most conservative men politically who had stated personally that he would never take an extremist's position in any controversy.

[redacted] has entertained the appointee frequently at his home and knows his wife, AURELIA, and [redacted] as fine persons and a close family unit. He said he knew of appointee's sister, [redacted] and a brother, BUCK, who died over ten years ago and who was a student at Fisk University. He stated he was not sure of appointee's sister's college where she was educated but did not believe [redacted]. [redacted] He stated the appointee is of impeccable moral character, and untarnished reputation and his associates and associations as well as his loyalty as an American citizen have never been questioned in any respect by [redacted]. He gave an unqualified recommendation of the appointee for whatever important position he is currently being considered in the service of his country.

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SA [redacted] in an attempt to locate [redacted]
[redacted] conducted the following inquiry at Catholic
University:

[redacted] Registrar's Office Catholic
University of America, advised that [redacted]
is no longer a member of the Catholic University faculty
having left over a year ago and his present whereabouts are
unknown. She suggested that [redacted]
[redacted] the Department of History, might know of
the current address of [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] advised on January 15, 1962, that [redacted] is
retired and living in Vienna, Austria.

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The files of the Office of Information Services, Howard University, on January 15, 1962, were reviewed by SA [redacted] and were found to contain no additional pertinent information except that the appointee's sister's name is [redacted]

Department of State

[redacted]
[redacted] United States National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Department of State, on January 16, 1962, advised SA [redacted] that the records of her office reveal that the appointee served as a member of the United States National Commission for UNESCO from May 1950, until September, 1953. [redacted] stated that the United States National Commission is made up of approximately 100 private citizens of prominence in the fields of education, science, and art who meet once or twice a year for a two-day period. [redacted] stated that the purpose of this commission is to advise the Secretary of State regarding United States relations with UNESCO. [redacted] stated that the members of the commission serve without compensation and are not employees of the United States Government nor of the Department of State in this connection. [redacted] stated that the records indicate that the appointee attended only four two-day meetings of the commission and was not one of the more active members. Further, the records contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee. [redacted] stated that she was not acquainted with the appointee.

[redacted], Executive Staff, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, advised SA [redacted] on January 16, 1962, that the records of her office reveal that the appointee received the following grants under the Fulbright and Smith-Mundt programs as administrator by the Department of State:

2/15/54

Received a grant under the Fulbright Program as a lecturer in history at the Conference on American Studies, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, from July 12, 1954, to August 14, 1954.

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Received a grant under the Smith-Mundt Program as a specialist in the field of history for the period from August 22, 1956, to September 3, 1956, in Germany.

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Received a grant under the Smith-Mundt Program as a specialist in the field of history from January 17, 1957, to February 18, 1957, at Calcutta, India.

1959-*Hawaii*
2/5/60

Received a grant under the Fulbright Program as a lecturer in the history of the United States from June 15, 1960, to August 15, 1960, at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

9/15/60

Received a grant under the Smith-Mundt Program as a specialist in the field of history for the period September 24, 1960, to October 6, 1960, at the University College, Ibadan, Nigeria.

[redacted] stated that the records also indicate that the appointee's date of birth was listed as January 2, 1915, at Rentiesville, Oklahoma, and presently residing in Brooklyn, New York. [redacted] stated that the records contain no additional information regarding the appointee.

[redacted] Clerk Personnel Locator, Office of Personnel; [redacted] Personnel Files Section, Office of Personnel; and [redacted] Clerk, Applicants Files, Employment Division Department of State, on January 12, 1962, advised SA [redacted] that they could locate no record of the appointee as having been employed by the Department of State.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE

[redacted] The American History Association, 400 A Street, S. E., on January 17, 1962, advised that he has been professionally acquainted with the

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appointee since approximately 1947 when the appointee was a professor of history at Howard University, Washington, D. C. [] stated that the appointee is an outstanding educator and has written a number of history books, some of which have been used in the colleges throughout the United States. [] stated that he regards the appointee as a brilliant educator who is of good character, reputation, associates, and loyal to the United States Government. Further, he would recommend the appointee for a position of confidence and trust.

NEIGHBORHOOD

2011 Monroe Street, N. E.

[] on January 18, 1962, advised that he was a neighbor of the appointee and his family when the appointee and his family resided at 2011 Monroe Street, N. E. [] stated that he has had no close contact with the appointee or his family; however, he recalls that the appointee was on the teaching staff of Howard University, Washington, D. C. [] stated that the appointee's family consisted of the appointee's wife, AURELIA FRANKLIN, and [] stated that he believed the appointee has a sister presently living in Washington, D. C., but he does not know the sister's name or where the sister is employed. [] stated that the appointee and his family were quiet, respectable people who were a credit to the community. [] stated that he considered the appointee and his family to be people of good character, reputation, associates, and loyal to the United States Government. Further, he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. [] stated as best he can recall the appointee resided at 2011 Monroe Street, N. E., from approximately 1947 to 1956 when the appointee and his family moved to New York City.

[] on January 17, 1962, advised that she recalls the appointee and his family as having resided at 2011 Monroe Street, N. E., from approximately 1947 to 1956. [] stated she did not have any contact with the appointee or his family; however, she recalls that the appointee was employed at Howard University. [] stated that the appointee and his family were quiet, respectable people who so far as

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she knows are of good character, reputation, associates and loyal to the United States Government. [redacted] stated that she knows of no reason why the appointee could not occupy a position of confidence and trust.

[redacted] on January 18, 1962, advised that he was not personally acquainted with the appointee or his family; however, he recalls the appointee and his family as having resided at 2011 Monroe Street, N. E. for a period from approximately 1947 to 1956. [redacted] stated that the appointee was a professor on the staff at Howard University. [redacted] stated that the appointee and his family were quiet, respectable people who were a credit to the community. [redacted] stated further that so far as he knows the appointee and his family are people of good character, reputation, associates, and loyal to the United States Government. Further, he knows of no reason why the appointee should not occupy a position of confidence and trust.

[redacted] on January 15, 1962, advised that she was not acquainted with the appointee or his family.

[redacted] on January 15, 1962, advised that he was not acquainted with the appointee or his family.

[redacted], on January 15, 1962, advised that she was not acquainted with the appointee or his family.

[redacted], on January 18, 1962, advised that he recalls the appointee and his family as former residents at 2011 Monroe Street, N. E. [redacted] stated that as best he can recall the appointee and his family resided at this address from approximately 1947 to 1956. [redacted] stated he has only spoken to the appointee on one or two occasions but did not come in close contact with the appointee or his family. [redacted] stated the appointee was a professor at Howard University and moved to New York City sometime in 1956. [redacted] stated that he considered the appointee and his family to be people of good character, reputation, associates, and loyal to the United States Government. Further, he would recommend the appointee for a position of confidence and trust.

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United States Senators

United States Senator KENNETH B. KEATING of New York State on January 17, 1962, advised SA [] that he was not acquainted with the appointee.

United States Senator JACOB K. JAVITS of New York State on January 17, 1962, advised SA [] that he was not acquainted with the appointee.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

The files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, on January 12 and January 16, 1962, as caused to be searched by IC [] were found to contain a satisfactory credit rating for the appointee and his wife, AURELIA E. WHITTINGTON FRANKLIN and the appointee's []

The files of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), on January 12, 1962, were reviewed by IC [] and found to contain no record for the appointee or his listed relatives; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

The files of the United States Park Police on January 12, 1962, were caused to be searched by IC [] and were found to contain no record for the appointee or his listed relatives.

MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, on January 18, 1962, were caused to be searched by IC [] and the information contained in these files is being utilized in the current investigation.

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The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on January 17, 1962, were reviewed by IC [REDACTED] and the information contained in these files is being utilized during the course of the current investigation.

[REDACTED]

It is to be noted that during the course of an FBI investigation in the case entitled JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, Security Matter - C, Laborer, Federal Security Appropriations Act of 1953, "information was developed that JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN was mentioned in the February, 1948, issue of the "Bookshopper," the official organ and publication of the Washington Bookshop Association. This publication carried an announcement of the February, 1948, Calendar of Events, which listed the following:

DR. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, author of "From Slavery to Freedom" and Professor at Howard University at the Bookshop. Reception After.

The July, 1948, issue of the "Bookshopper" contains a page captioned "Bookshop Activities in Retrospect, 1947-48 Season."

DR. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, author of "From Slavery to Freedom" and Professor at Howard University at the Bookshop. Reception After.

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It is noted that the Washington Bookshop has been cited as coming under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

[redacted], a member of a local government agency, advised on September 16, 1960, that he had ascertained that one of the several rooms which had been burglarized at the Henry Hudson Hotel, 353 West 57th Street, New York City, sometime between 4:00 a. m., and 6:00 p. m. on that date, was Room 61A, which was occupied by [redacted]

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[redacted] According to this informant, [redacted] checked out of the above hotel shortly after reporting the burglary to the hotel management with the request that no police report be made concerning the burglary of his room. [redacted] also advised he learned that a pair of grey trousers were found on the 15th floor in a corridor of the hotel in front of another room that had been buglarized. The pockets of the trousers contained, among other things, a pocket telephone directory containing numerous names, addresses and telephone numbers. It also contained several printed business cards of [redacted]

Among the names and telephone lists set forth in the above pocket telephone directory furnished by [redacted] the name "JOHN HAYE FRANKLIN, Head of Sociology, Brooklyn College, ULster 9-2400."

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Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain aspects of the Communist Party activities and related matters in the greater Washington area were contacted

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and advised that the appointee was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning the appointee.

The records of the Library of Congress were reviewed on January 15, 1962, and found to contain the following information regarding the appointee:

FRANKLIN, JOHN HOPE

- ③ The ~~Free~~ Negro in North Carolina, 1790-1860, Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina Press 1948 (Bibliography).
- ① From Slavery to Freedom; a history of American Negroes. New York, A.A. KNOPF, 1947. Second Edition 1956. *Revised 1962*
- ⑤ LINCOLN and Public Morality; an address delivered at the Chicago Historical Society on February 12, 1959 (24 pages).
- ④ The Militant South, 1800-1861, Cambridge, Belknap Press of Harvard University, Press 1956.
- ⑥ Reconstruction: After the Civil War. Chicago, University of Chicago Press 1961.
- ② The Diary of JAMES T. AYERS, Civil War recruiter, edited by JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN with introduction ~~by~~ same; Springfield, printed by authority of the State of Illinois, 1947.

[redacted] Librarian, the Library, the Washington Daily News, 1013 13th Street, N. W., on January 15, 1962, advised that the records contained no information regarding the appointee.

The Library of the Washington Evening Star, Washington, D. C., on January 16, 1962, contained a file regarding the appointee. This file was reviewed and was found to contain no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.



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Washington, D. C.
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Reference : Report of SA [REDACTED]
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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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 Charlotte teletype to Bureau, dated 1/16/62.
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Synopsis: Appointee's attendance at Harvard University verified and found favorable. His employment record verified and associates recommend him. Fellowship awarded by Brown University, Providence, R.I. verified. Results of credit and arrest checks set forth. Newspaper morgues reviewed with negative results.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in Rhode Island was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Police Department, Cambridge, Massachusetts by
SA [REDACTED] Credit, arrest and newspaper
morgue checks were made at the request of IC [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EDUCATION

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised the records revealed the appointee was in attendance at the school from September, 1935 to June, 1939. She said he received a Master of Arts degree in June, 1936 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in June, 1941. She said his field of concentration was History, Government and Economics. She said the appointee received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fisk University in 1935. She said the records disclosed the appointee was born on January 2, 1915 at Rentiesville, Oklahoma and that his parents were BUCK COLBERT and MOLLIE LEE (PARKER) FRANKLIN. [redacted] advised the appointee held the Edward Austin Fellowship during the academic year 1937-1938.

On January 16, 1962, [redacted] Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised a review of the appointee's personal folder showed it contained entirely favorable information in every respect.

On January 15, 1962, [redacted] History Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he has known the appointee since 1936 and that he holds him in high personal regard. He said the appointee is a fine scholar of superior intelligence who has an excellent reputation as a teacher and historian. He said all of his impressions concerning the appointee are of the highest order. He said that insofar as he knows, based on his professional contacts with the appointee, he believes him to be a thoroughly loyal and reliable citizen of excellent character, reputation and associations. He said he believes he is well qualified by ability, talent, discretion, judgement and maturity to hold a position of trust and confidence in the Government. He said he had no knowledge concerning the appointee's relatives.

EMPLOYMENT

On January 15, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] Salzburg Seminar, 17 Dunster Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he has known the appointee for over ten years and that all of his impressions concerning him have been most favorable. He said the appointee is a noted historian whose intelligence, talent and ability are of high order. He said he has always found him to be a discreet, mature, conservative and moderate person, whose loyalty, character, reputation and associations are above reproach. He said he would recommend him as superbly qualified to hold a position of trust and confidence in the Government.

[redacted] advised the appointee was a member of the faculty of the Salzburg Seminar during the summers of 1951 and 1958 and spent approximately six weeks during each summer at Salzburg, Austria lecturing and conducting seminars. *Ampt*

He advised the appointee was elected to the Board of Directors of the Salzburg Seminar in November, 1958 and on November 19, 1960 was re-elected for a two year period.

[redacted] advised the appointee has served with distinction as a faculty member and member of the Board of Directors.

On January 16, 1962, [redacted] Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he has known the appointee on a casual basis since 1958 and that they have been fellow members of the Board of Directors of the Salzburg Seminar. He said the appointee is recognized as an outstanding historian and that insofar as he knows a person of fine intellect and ability. He said he believes the appointee is a loyal citizen of good character, reputation and associations. He said he knew of no reason why he would not be qualified to hold a position of trust, confidence and responsibility in the Government.

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On January 15, 1962, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Corporation Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised the records showed the appointee taught two courses as a Visiting Professor at the Harvard University Summer School, which was conducted during July and August, 1950. She said his employment record was entirely satisfactory in all respects.

/ *[Signature]*

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On January 15, 1962 [redacted]

[redacted] Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that the appointee, in June, 1952 was awarded a President's Fellowship Grant of \$4,500.00 for research on "Southern Travelers in the North Before the Civil War". He stated that the only additional information available in the files of the University was that contained in a letter from the appointee in December, 1955 reflecting that in connection with his research he spent the summer of 1952 in the archives of the libraries in Alabama and Louisiana; the fall of 1952 in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; the late fall of 1952 in the archives of the libraries of North Carolina; and the spring of 1953 in research among the manuscripts and newspaper collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin where he was Visiting Professor at the University of Wisconsin. The appointee's letter, according to [redacted] reflected that his research was still continuing as of December, 1955 and gave no indication of any definite plans as to publication of the results of his research.

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RELATIVE



CREDIT

On January 11, 1962, personnel at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised the records contained no information concerning JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

On January 17, 1962, the same personnel advised that

[redacted]
[redacted] has a
satisfactory credit rating.

ARREST

On January 16, 1962, personnel, Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all traffic and criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised the records contained no information concerning JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

On January 17, 1962, the same personnel advised the records contained no information concerning [redacted]

On January 15, 1962, [redacted] Clerk, Police Department, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised the records contained no information concerning JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

On January 17, 1962, personnel at the Identification Section, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts, advised the records contained no information concerning [redacted]

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NEWSPAPER MORGUES

On January 16, 1962, a review of the morgues of the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald, newspapers published daily at Boston, Massachusetts, disclosed no pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, SPI. RE AIRMAIL COPY NEW YORK TELETYPE
 JANUARY 12 LAST TO BUREAU ET AL. ON JANUARY 19 INSTANT [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, HONOLULU,
 PRODUCED RECORDS. APPOINTEE EMPLOYED AS VISITING PROFESSOR IN
 HISTORY AT UNIVERSITY FROM JUNE 22 TO JULY 31, 1959. RECEIVED
 \$1,900. NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION THERE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHERE COMPLETED PER-
 SONNEL FILES OF PROFESSORS AT UNIVERSITY MAINTAINED, HAD ONLY
 SAME INFORMATION AS THOSE IN [REDACTED] OFFICE. SAID THIS
 BECAUSE APPOINTEE ONLY THERE SUCH A SHORT TIME. APPOINTEE
 RESIDED IN FACULTY HOUSING REGULARLY OCCUPIED BY [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] WHO WAS THEN ON VACATION. [REDACTED]

NOW ON SABBATICAL LEAVE AND UNAVAILABLE. NO OTHERS IN POSITION
 TO RECALL IN NEIGHBORHOOD. EVEN DOUBTFUL IF [REDACTED] WOULD
 RECALL AS ARRANGEMENTS OFTEN PERFECTED THROUGH UNIVERSITY HOUSING
 OFFICE FOR VISITING PROFESSORS TO OCCUPY RESIDENCES OF REGULAR
 PROFESSORS. [REDACTED] OVERSEAS OPERATIONS
 PROGRAM AND [REDACTED] UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,
 SAID WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING APPOINTEE TO TEACH IN SUMMER
 SESSION AT UNIVERSITY. HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1949. DESCRIBES
 APPOINTEE AS OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL IN HIS FIELD. A MEMBER OF
 MINORITY RACE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE IN Fomenting Racial Trouble,
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WHO IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND COMPLETELY LOYAL TO US. SAYS NO IDEOLOGY WORKING AGAINST BEST INTERESTS OF US COULD EVER INFLUENCE APPOINTEE BECAUSE OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN MINORITY RACE. HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE. NO CREDIT INFORMATION OR ARREST RECORD, HONOLULU. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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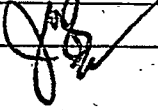
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Report of: ASAC EDWARD C. ARMSTRONG Office: HONOLULU
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Title: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

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Synopsis:

Employed as visiting professor in History, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, 6/22/59 to 7/31/59. Not recalled in neighborhood. One professor at university instrumental in obtaining appointee's services and highly recommends in all respects.

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DETAILS: At Honolulu, Hawaii

[redacted] University of Hawaii, produced an employment card which indicated that the appointee was employed as a visiting professor of History at the University of Hawaii from June 22 to July 31, 1959. His date of birth was shown as January 2, 1915, at Rentiesville, Oklahoma; home address 1885 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; employment as Department of History, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York; wife AURELIA W. FRANKLIN; that a salary of \$1,900 was paid to the appointee for his services. His Honolulu address was reflected as 1628 Eckart Road, Honolulu, which is faculty housing. No further information pertaining to the appointee appears on this personnel card.

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University of Hawaii, advised that the only record pertaining to the appointee available in this office was a duplicate of that contained in the office of the Director of Personnel as reported above. She explained that while normally complete personnel files of professors at the university with all background are maintained in this office, it appears that due to the short time that appointee taught at the university no complete file was assembled on him.

The address [redacted] where appointee resided, is regularly occupied by [redacted] University of Hawaii. [redacted] explained that [redacted] is presently on sabbatical leave and it is not necessarily true that he would recall the appointee because in many instances when professors go on vacation, as professor [redacted] did in this instance, and arrange for someone to reside in their house during that period, such arrangements are made by the University Housing Office and there can be no personal contact between the individuals involved. [redacted] said she knew of no other individuals residing in that vicinity in 1959 who would be in a position to recall the appointee.

[redacted] Overseas Operations and [redacted] University of Hawaii, advised that he first met the appointee in 1949 when both were attending a convention in Madison, Wisconsin. He described the appointee as a professor at Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, New York, who was an outstanding individual in his field. He stated that the appointee was a professor in History.

[redacted] said that while the appointee is a member of a minority race, he is not the type of individual who has any desire or takes any action to foment racial trouble. He stated that in 1949 when he first met the appointee, difficulty was being encountered in obtaining living quarters for the appointee during the convention because of his minority race. [redacted] said that the appointee was philosophical about this and said that it was just a lack of understanding and that he wanted no "big deal" in connection therewith. [redacted] said that through friends of his appropriate housing was obtained for the appointee. He said that the appointee is the author of several publications pertaining to members of his race and

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in each instance it is not inflammatory but is a sensible approach to the history and problems of his minority race. He stated that the appointee is completely loyal to the United States in all respects and that no ideology working against the best interests of the United States could obtain any cooperation whatsoever from the appointee by playing on the fact that appointee is a member of a minority race.

[redacted] described appointee as an individual of excellent character and reputation whom he would highly recommend for any position for which the appointee was being considered. He said that he is acquainted with appointee's wife and children and holds them in high regard. He said that he associated with the appointee during the short weeks that the appointee was in Honolulu teaching at the University of Hawaii and at no time did he observe anything which he considered unfavorable pertaining to appointee, his wife or his children.

On January 19, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Hawaii, advised SE [redacted] that there was no credit information in her files pertaining to appointee or his wife.

On January 19, 1962, [redacted] Identification Division, Honolulu Police Department, advised those records reflected no arrest or any other type of information pertaining to appointee or his wife.